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SUBJ: POTENTIAL CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN NORTH

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1. AMCONSUL OPORTO REPORTS A TWO-PRONGED PROTEST DEMONSTRATION UNDER WAY IN NORTH WITH POTENTIAL FOR CIVIL DISTURBANCE.

2. OPORTO: APPROXIMATELY 300-400 WORKERS MOLAFLEX CORP. HAVE GATHERED OUTSIDE OPORTO MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS TO DEMAND RELEASE OF COMPANY MANAGER, WHO WAS ARRESTED MARCH 11 AND ACCUSED PUBLICLY BY MILITARY REGION COMMANDER CORVACHO OF BEING MEMBER PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY (ELP). WORKERS DEMAND MANAGER BE FREED SO HE CAN GO BACK TO COMPANY WHICH NEEDS HIM. AS OF 5 P.M. LOCAL, CROWD SHOWED SIGNS OF GROWING; IN MEANTIME, NO RESPONSE FORTHCOMING FROM MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS.

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3. SAO JOAO DA MADEIRA (INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF 30-35,000,

APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES SOUTH OF (O)PORTO, 3,000 WORKERS GATHERED IN DOWNTOWN OF MOLAFLEX HOME TOWN, WAITING TO HEAR NEWS FROM OPORTO.

4. AT VALE DA CAMBRA (8 MILES FROM SAO JOAO DA MADEIRA) GROUP OF 6 TRUCKS WITH SOLDIERS HAS SHOWN UP WITHIN LAST HOUR, EVIDENTLY PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE DISORDER.

5. COMMENT: TENSION LEVEL IN NORTH HAS BEEN MOUNTING OVER LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WITH NOTICEABLE INCREASE SINCE LEFTIST DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF LISBON PATRIARCHATE (REFTEL).
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